41 such industries, had remained with Bihar resulting in gross imbalanced in industrial sector; and

(b) If answer to part (a) above be in affirmative, whether Government propose to set-up heavy industries in Bihar to maintain regional balance?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) There are 4 Central Public Sector Undertakings having their registered office in the State of Bihar. Names and other details of these CPSUs are available in Public Enterprises Survey 2000-01, which was laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament and is a published document. There is no proposal at present by the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises to establish any heavy industry in the public sector in Bihar. The industrial sector stands largely delicensed and private sector is free to establish heavy industry anywhere in the country.

Closure of PSUs

2590. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PSUs under his Ministry which were closed till 31st October, 2002; and

(b) the steps taken to modernize the remaining PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Out of 49 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Department of Heavy Industry, 7 PSUs have been closed. In addition, winding up orders have been issued in case of two PSUs by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(b) PSUs take up programmes of capital investment including renewals, replacements, additions, modernization etc. on a regular basis based on need and financial capability. Government within its budgetary constraints supports such activities on a case to case basis.